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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 WASTE ACTION PROJECT,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 PUGET SOUND RECYCLING, LLC,

13 Defendant.
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Case No. C07-0698L

ORDER DENYING
MOTION TO WITHDRAW


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16 This matter comes before the Court on a motion to withdraw filed by the Johnson Law
17 Group and LuAnne Perry, counsel for defendant Puget Sound Recycling, LLC. The motion,
18 however, does not comply with General Rule 2(g)(4)(B). It does not include a certification from
19 defense counsel that they advised their client that it is required by law to be represented by an
20 attorney and that failure to obtain a replacement attorney by the date the withdrawal is effective
21 may result in an entry of default against it. Counsel tries to avoid the problem of an
22 unrepresented corporate entity by stating that future correspondence should be directed to
23 “Richard M. Flajole, Defendant Pro Se.” Motion at p. 2. However, the only named defendant is
24 Puget Sound Recycling, LLC. There is no evidence that Mr. Flajole is an attorney, and the LLC
25 must be represented by counsel before this Court. See also Rowlands v. California Men’s
26 Colony, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (explaining that corporations, partnerships, and associations may
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1 only appear in federal court through a licensed attorney).

2 Although the failure to comply with General Rule 2 is sufficient to deny the motion, the
3 Court denies it for a second reason. Pursuant to the consent decree entered in this case by the
4 Court on April 28, 2008, Ms. Perry is identified as defendant's point of contact. Plaintiff alleges
5 that defendant is in breach of the agreement, and it has filed a motion to enforce the consent
6 decree. Allowing defense counsel to withdraw before substitute counsel is obtained would
7 frustrate plaintiff's attempt to enforce the consent decree. In addition, defense counsel has not
8 offered any explanation for their request to withdraw.

9 Accordingly, counsel's motion to withdraw (Dkt. #14) is DENIED. The Johnson Law
10 Group, Ms. Perry, and Kyle Johnson remain defense counsel of record.

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12 DATED this 24th day of September, 2008.

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15 Robert S. Lasnik
16 United States District Judge
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